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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

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I also respectfully ask that the final rule from the FCC regarding OVS allow Mayors and local officials to charge franchise fees. The public, through the City of Detroit, is entitled to just compensation for the use of its property. This compensation includes not just money, but also certain quality and service requirements in exchange for the use of public property.

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With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. Archer
Mayor

cc: William F. Caton
Secretary, FCC



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The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
Room 832
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Ness:

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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
Commissioner
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The Honorable James H. Quello
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
Room 802
1919 M Street, NW
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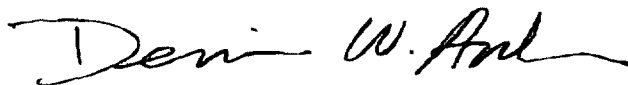
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